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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

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The Highway Patrol has filled a substantial number of vacancies for the Southern Command, competing pay, staffing levels, and attrition continues to take its toll. Southern Command sworn vacancies remain at 14. During March there were two resignations or retirements, one from the sworn staff and one from the civilian staff.

Southern Command personnel handled 1203 crashes as compared to 1061 crashes in March of 2004. This was an increase of 13.4%. Crashes resulting in fatalities remained the same as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 9 fatal crashes in March 2005 and 9 fatal crashes in March 2004. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 39.1% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 64 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were five fatalities; 19 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 16 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.3% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1198 crash reports and 362 arrest reports during March 2005. This resulted in 6888 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers reflect a 1% decrease as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services decreased by 26.2% when comparing March 2004. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 21,689 CAD incidents and 35,131 telephone calls received.

The Southern Command had another decrease in overall enforcement in March 2005. However, total arrests increased, DUI arrests were up 14%, other arrests were up 3.6%. The Commercial Operations Section showed a significant increase in hazardous moving violation citations compared to last March, up 150%.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties faced with increasing work loads, pay disparity, and insufficient staffing levels. The 21,689 incidents/contacts with the public in March can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, these contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

## CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	March 2005	March 2004	% Change	February 2005	% Change
Total crashes	1203	1061	13.4%	976	23.3%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	870	755	15.2%	735	18.4%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	324	297	9.1%	235	37.9%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	9	9	0.0%	6	50.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	61	39	56.4%	37	64.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	9	9	0.0%	7	28.6%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4	1	300.0%	4	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	5	-60.0%	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	2	-50.0%	1	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	64	46	39.1%	50	28.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	40	30	33.3%	40	0.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	19	15	26.7%	9	111.1%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	1	400.0%	1	400.0%

## CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.1%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 62.5%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.3%
- ✱ Total crashes up 13.4% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 39% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes unchanged from last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	March 2005		March 2004	% Change		February 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	61		39	56.4%		37	64.9%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	118		128	-7.8%		133	-11.3%
Other arrests	726		701	3.6%		796	-8.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	340		339	0.3%		358	-5.0%
Speed violations	2099		2719	-22.8%		1846	13.7%
Hazardous moving violations	1842		2011	-8.4%		1684	9.4%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	378		710	-46.8%		402	-6.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	7438		9429	-21.1%		7066	5.3%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	65		26	150.0%		71	-8.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	97		124	-21.8%		44	120.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	541		575	-5.9%		466	16.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		3	-66.7%		5	-80.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	218		215	1.4%		120	81.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1622		1706	-4.9%		1058	53.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	112		111	0.9%		33	239.4%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	47		57	-17.5%		32	46.9%
Total school buses inspected	343		583	-41.2%		334	2.7%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	62		113	-45.1%		78	-20.5%
Total trucks weighed	173		433	-60.0%		197	-12.2%
Total overweight citations	65		36	80.6%		10	550.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	468		578	-19.0%		399	17.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	6		0	600.0%		0	600.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	2		47		16
Safety Violations Citation	2		17		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	12		125		5
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		6		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	1				
Dyed Fuel Citations	0				

## OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.15%
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 34 years
- ★ 0% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance. (pending)
- ★ 9% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is down 9.8% from last year and down 5.3% from last month.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 165% from last year.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 18% from last year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	March 2005		March 2004	% Change		February 2004	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions	689		N/A			694	-0.7%
CAD Incidents	21689		22298	-2.7%		18572	16.8%
Telephone Calls	35131		33517	4.8%		26865	30.8%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	105		13	707.7%		103	1.9%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1198		1092	9.7%		1019	17.6%
Arrest Reports Processed	362		619	-41.5%		614	-41.0%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	24		60	-60.0%		9	166.7%
Vehicle Impound Releases	201		147	36.7%		135	48.9%
Visitors at Counter	677		917	-26.2%		584	15.9%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	6888		6822	1.0%		5825	18.2%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	364		464	-21.6%		452	-19.5%
Warrants Entered	247		386	-36.0%		358	-31.0%
Warrants Cleared	267		338	-21.0%		161	65.8%
Warrants Validated	1530		3219	-52.5%		1633	-6.3%
Extradition / Transports	18		21	-14.3%		6	200.0%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	86		120	-28.3%		101	-14.9%
New Items Submitted	139		190	-26.8%		210	-33.8%
Items Disposed	173		65	166.2%		39	343.6%

\*\*Radio TX unavailable due to 800 transitions

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**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- ✱ 14 Contracts requiring 698.5 work hours, billing \$99,891.34

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 91.9 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 5.8 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 1.2 % of case submissions.

**AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS**

- ✱ 7 missions flown.
- ✱ 6 Prisoner transports.

**COMMENDATIONS**

- ✱ 34 from the command to sworn
- ✱ 20 from command to civilian
- ✱ 35 from public organizations

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**Primm District open house:** Media and dignitaries from County Government, Jean Justice Court, the California Highway Patrol and the Mandalay Bay Corporation attended the grand opening of the NHP Primm District Sub-Station. March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

**M.I.L.K Project:** Farmers Ins. has asked the NHP of Las Vegas to assist and Pilot their new program M.I.L.K. **Managing Information on Lost Kids.**

**HEAT program: Traffic Safety Classes:** The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Troopers educated several Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, freshmen and the Las Vegas High School Mentoring Programs. Over all traffic safety, career choices, and merit badge were earned.

**Public Requests for Information: 82**

11 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints  
66 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.  
5 were forwarded to Trooper Kintzel

**Press releases: 12**

7 were Fatal related  
4 were safety programs: Tip a Cop and Primm facility  
1 NHP crash related

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Personally I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.

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Sir Winston Churchill